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Ref:- My Application No. 10/042, 433

Your communication, Dt. Sept 24th 2003

I have noted your comments on the amended claims Dt. 26th June 2003. I am taking necessary action to correct all the deficiencies in consultation with a Patent Attorney in Hyderabad.

I request you to consider the following regarding the 30 days time made available for reply.

Your communication was received in Hyderabad on 19th Oct. 2003. As the mailing date of your communication is 24th Sept with 30 days time for reply, expiring on 24th Oct. This leaves only 5 days for preparing the reply and the transit time for the post, which is inadequate. I am planning to complete the reply by 10th November and post it so that you will receive the letter around 26th November. (Twenty six)

I request you to condone the delay in view of the following special circumstances:

1. It has taken 25 days for the letter to reach me from USA.
2. It will take another 10 days for my reply to reach you by post.

Fax sent on Oct. 31st

This is a confirmation copy by post.

Yours truly,

B. Gopinath

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